

Squam Lake



## **CHANGES TO THE COMPREHENSIVE SHORELAND PROTECTION ACT**

**Effective July 1, 2008**

All lakefront and river corridor communities are affected by new changes to the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act (CSPA) RSA 483-B. These changes are effective July 1, 2008.

The changes will be presented by the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) at a *special outreach session on Wednesday, August 6, 2008, 6:30-8:30PM, at the Squam Lakes Association on Rte. 3 in Holderness.*

Key changes to CSPA include:

- A state permit will be required for development taking place within 250' of surface water (rivers, lakes, ponds)
- Changes the way "buffers" will be managed (introduces point system)
- Provides for flexible management in the critical area of "impervious surfaces"
- A change in the way that rivers are classified will add 1,391 stream miles to CSPA. This represents 14% of NH river miles
- A 50' primary building setback now applies to all primary structures
- The Pemigewasset and Saco rivers are now protected by CSPA

The presentation will be made by **Arlene Allen**, Shoreland Protection Outreach Coordinator, NH DES Wetlands Bureau.

***It is very important that waterfront owners and key officials in each town attend this meeting and become informed on how the new law and rules will be implemented.***

As a courtesy please let us know if you will be attending the meeting by contacting Priscilla Bartholomew either via phone at Squam Lakes Association @ 968-7336 or e-mail at [info@squamlakes.org](mailto:info@squamlakes.org). If you have additional questions, please call:

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